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SYSTEM OF TWO GERMAN REACTORS.

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1. "FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU" REPORTS IN ITS AUG. 19 EDITION CHANCES THAT THE BIBLIS PLANT WILL RESUME OPERATION BY THE END OF AUGUST. IT IS REPORTED THAT AN EXPERT OF THE HESSIAN STATE AGENCY FOR MATERIAL TESTING IN MANNHEIM BELIEVES THAT THE REACTOR CAN RESTART POWER PRODUCTION "UNDER INCISIVE CONDITIONS". THIS, HOWEVER, DEPENDS ON THE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF ANOTHER EXAMINATION IN A FEW WEEKS, AND THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR.

2. "DIE WELT", IN AN AUG. 20 ARTICLE, REPORTS A 10 INCH CRACK IN THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE FEED WATER

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SYSTEM OF THE 250 MW REACTOR AT GUNDREMMINGEN,

WHICH MIGHT CAUSE THE PLANT TO CEASE OPERATIONS
UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. IT IS NOTED THAT THIS
WOULD MEAN A FOUR-MONTH PAUSE, AS THE CRACK WAS
DISCOVERED ON MAY 8 DURING THE ANNUAL CHECK-UP. THE
PAPER QUOTES A GUNDREMMINGEN SPOKESMAN AS SAYING
THAT EVEN A COMPLETE DEMOLITION OF THE DISTRIBUTOR
WOULD NOT BE A SERIOUS INCIDENT, BUT WOULD ONLY
CAUSE AN INHOMOGENOUS TEMPERATURE GRADIENT IN THE
REACTOR PRESSURE VESSEL.

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